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In the Matter of:

SECURITY PROCEDURES

MICHAEL D. WEBB, CLERK U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT General Order No.YTON. OHIO

GENERAL ORDER: United States Bankruptcy Court, 120 West Third Street, Dayton, Ohio 45402

This order supersedes and replaces all prior orders of this Court on these subjects and establishes the security procedures to screen all persons, except employees, entering the United States Bankruptcy Court, 120 West Third Street, Dayton, Ohio 45402. It is entered pursuant to authority reserved to local building security committees in S. D. Ohio Civ. R. 83.2(e).

#### **SECURITY PROCEDURES**

### A. Screening of Persons Entering the Building

- 1. The United States Marshals Service Court Security Officers shall operate an x-ray machine and a magnetometer at the public entrances of the United States Bankruptcy Court location at 120 West Third Street, Dayton, Ohio (referred to hereafter as the "Facility") for the purpose of screening persons entering the building. All persons and their belongings are subject to search by the United States Marshals Service while in this Facility.
- 2. All persons, except employees, having business with the Courts or any other offices in this Facility shall pass through the magnetometer for the purpose of detecting firearms, explosives, pepper spray, incendiary devices, knives, or any other item prohibited by law, regulation or court order from introduction into this Facility. These persons shall submit to further screening by the United States Marshals Service Court Security Officer if the readings of the magnetometer indicate the presence of metallic substances. This further screening may encompass the removal of all metallic objects from the person, screening by a portable hand held metal detector, or other screening procedures as necessary. Any person refusing to submit to this screening process shall be denied access to this Facility.
- 3. All persons having business with the Courts or any other offices in this Facility who are carrying, delivering or otherwise transporting any briefcase, suitcase, package, electronic device (including cell phones, pagers, electronic organizers and portable computers), or any other container (hereafter referred to as "a carried item") shall surrender such carried items for screening through an x-ray device and/or personal inspection by the Court Security Officer. Any person refusing to submit his or her carried item for screening through an x-ray device and/or personal inspection by a

Court Security Officer shall be denied access to this Facility. If a Court Security Officer concludes, after x-ray and/or personal inspection, that any item which the person seeks to bring into this Facility contains firearms, explosives, pepper spray, incendiary devices, knives, or any other dangerous item prohibited by law, regulation or court order, this individual is subject to arrest.

The following persons are exempt from the screening procedures set forth above (with appropriate official identification):

- a. Judges of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit;
- b. Judges of the United States District and Bankruptcy Courts for the Southern District of Ohio;
- c. other judges of the United States Courts who are serving by designation or assignment in this Facility;
- d. employees of the United States Marshals Service and employees of contractors of the United States Marshals Service who serve as Court Security Officers who are authorized by law and agency regulations to carry firearms;
- e. Probation Officers who are employed by the United States Probation Officers who are authorized by law and agency regulations to carry firearms;
- f. employees of the United States Federal Protective Service of the General Services Administration and their contract private security officers who are authorized by law and agency regulations to carry firearms; and,
- g. employees of the Southern District of Ohio Bankruptcy Court and the Administrative Office of the United States Courts.
- 4. No person having authorized access to secure areas after having passed through the screening devices or having authorized access via key, key card or other device, shall permit any person access to this Facility or to any elevator, locked stairwell door or any other locked door in this Facility without proper authorization.
- 5. Only government employees authorized by their appropriate supervisor/manager and possessing an authorized key card or access code may enter this Facility through any locked entrance.

#### B. CAMERAS AND RECORDING DEVICES

No camera or recording device is permitted in this Facility except as follows:

1. Cameras and recording devices are permitted if authorized for a specific occurrence

by a Judge of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Ohio, the Clerk of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Ohio or their authorized representatives. The permitting authority shall notify in writing the United States Marshals Service of such authorization.

- 2. Employees of the United States Courts and the tenant agencies in this Facility may possess cameras and recording devices. No recording or pictures may be generated of the court, court hearings or other court functions without specific authorization by a court official (as listed above).
- The General Services Administration's Property Manager or his designee can authorize an individual or contact group to possess a camera or recording device for the purpose of maintaining or enhancing the Facility, to include repair and alterations.

## C. COMPUTERS, CELLULAR PHONES, PAGERS AND RELATED ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

- 1. The use of portable computers and related electronic equipment in courtrooms and facilities adjacent to courtrooms is subject to restrictions and requirements imposed by a judicial officer in connection with a case pending before that judicial officer.
- Cellular phones and pagers are not permitted in this Facility unless specifically authorized for a specific proceeding or case by a Judge of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Ohio. Employees of the United States Courts and the tenant agencies in this Facility are permitted to possess cellular phones and pagers.
- 3. Cellular phones and pagers (if authorized) shall be set in a mode to emit no audible signals while in any of the courtrooms in this facility.
- 4. No computer, cellular phone, pager, or other electronic equipment shall be used to take photographs or to record any court proceedings.

## D. WEAPONS: FIREARMS, KNIVES, EXPLOSIVES AND OTHER DANGEROUS ITEMS

Except as specifically provided herein, no person shall possess a weapon in this Facility.

It is illegal to possess a firearm or other dangerous weapon in any federal building with or without the intent to commit a crime (Title 18, U.S.C. § 930(a) & (b)); persons who do so are subject to arrest. Firearms, knives, explosives, and other dangerous weapons brought into the Facility will be confiscated by the United States Marshals Service.

#### **EXCEPTIONS:**

 Employees of the United States Marshals Service, including Court Security Officers, who are authorized by law and agency regulations to carry firearms, may possess firearms within this Facility.

- United States Federal Protection Service Officers and their contract security officers of the General Services Administration, who are authorized by law and agency regulations to carry firearms in the performance of their official duties, may possess firearms in this Facility.
- 3. State and local Law Enforcement Officers (except as noted below) shall relinquish their firearms, ammunition, knives, defensive sprays, and all other items prohibited by law, regulation or court order upon entry into this Facility. Such firearms and all other items will be deposited with the United States Marshals Service in weapons lock boxes maintained by the United States Marshals Service. The officer will be required to be re-screened for security purposes.
  - a.) State and Local Law Enforcement Officers, while in uniform, may enter and retain their weapons while investigating/responding to a reported crime within the Facility, but excluding the chambers of any judicial officer.

These provisions regarding weapons will be in effect unless authorized otherwise, for a specific occurrence, by the United States Marshal, Chief Deputy United States Marshal, or his designee.

Any person who refuses to abide by this order governing the possession of weapons will not be permitted access to this Facility.

## **VIOLATIONS**

A violator of this General Order is subject to arrest and may be charged with any applicable criminal offense or contempt of court. Property brought into this Facility or used herein in violation of this General Order is subject to confiscation and forfeiture upon court order.

## UNITED STATES MARSHALS SERVICE SECURITY ALERT PLAN

The *United States Marshall Security Alert Plan* is divided into five levels. Escalating levels provide additional security requirements designed to supplement security procedures already mandated by United States Marshals

Service policy.

When the United States Marshals Service Security Alert protocol is activated, the national policy guidelines directing security levels will supersede this court order.

Dated this 4th Day of October, 2005.

Thomas F. Waldron, Chief

**United States Bankruptcy Judge** 

Romas F. Waldron

Lawrence S. Walter

**United States Bankruptcy Judge** 

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**United States Bankruptcy Judge**